

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES



December 11, 2020

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Jeff Aspenwall, Jim Coors, Dick Laumer, Chris Bedwell, Mike Persson, Paul Eckerline, Kris Sivertson, Dave Zimmer

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Dan Tyrolt, Rick O'Neil

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the October minutes was made by Kris Sivertson and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell reported that general fund donations for 2020 total \$28,761. Distributions from the two Legacy funds came in totaling approx. \$5,000. These distributions will be an annual occurrence in May of each year. Expenses paid since the last board meeting included \$600 for SELT communication, \$769 to ESRI yearly software maintenance, two months of legal expenses totaling \$7,599, and Advance Printing year end fundraiser mailing at \$1,259. Expenses remaining on the 2020 budget include approx. \$12,000 to LCOCD for water quality monitoring, legal expenses for Dec, and any outstanding invoice for LimnoTech, etc. There is currently \$66,917 in the checking account, \$15,470 in the savings account, and \$4,291 in the Stripe credit card processing account. The savings account is strictly Eco Harvester funds. An additional \$20,000 income from ECCF will come in May 2021. Kevin Horrocks reiterated that LCOFI money raised for the purchase of the Eco-Harvester will be paid out from the ECCF fund holding that money when the next payment is due. Chris mentioned that check and credit card donations are coming in at a good pace. Jim Coors asked Chris if she is ok with the current workload of handling all of the donations, and she indicated yes, although it is a fair amount of additional workload. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

501c3: We are now officially a legitimate not for profit. Kris Sivertson asked that the IRS notification be send to the Eco-Harvester manufacturer. Chris Bedwell mentioned that we are currently not tax exempt. Alf Sivertson will work with Chris to get the exemption.

AIS Reimbursement Request: Kevin Horrocks spoke with Jeff Aspenwall and they decided to delay the submittal to get paperwork in order. Steve Umland's name had to be replaced in the signature block.

Kevin will speak with WDNR about a response. Jeff has the document ready to submit. Gary Pulford to Jeff to go ahead and send it in. We have approximately \$10,000 coming back.

AIS Grant Extension: Gary Pulford and Kevin Horrocks have submitted the request.

Musky Bay: Kevin Horrocks and Gary Pulford spoke with Max Wolter and said to go ahead and submit permit requests to get the project on the clock. Gary suggested the sooner the better. Gary said we should go ahead and purchase AquaThruster and test it. The effective range is approximately 15-feet. Jeff Aspenwall said to get the larger unit. Dan Tyrolt said that there is too much material to move using just the AquaThruster but it might be good for maintenance. Kevin asked Dan if the cost could be covered by the LCOCD grant. Dan replied, maybe.

Aquatic Plant Management Plan: Dan Tyrolt submitted the draft APMP update to WDNR for comment but has not heard anything back. He suggested going ahead and setting up Zoom meeting. Once approved by the COLA committee it then goes out for public comment. We can take comments on the COLA website. Dan is satisfied with the update. It was agreed to set up the Zoom meeting for next Thursday at 2 PM. Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Dan Tyrolt, Dick Laumer, Mark Lastrup, Jeff Aspenwall and Kris Sivertson will represent COLA. Scott van Egeren (WDNR) will be asked to join the meeting. Dan will put together an agenda and talk to Scott.

Eco-Harvester: Gary: after first of year, permitting application. Dan: Scott will be handling the permit. Need to put together teams. Three operators trained. Need scout boat to mark beds. Kris: we also have the Collector points that we can use. Gary: we need to get Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds to do the pre-treatment survey. Spring survey uses last year's data as a point. Kevin: we need to develop a plan or check list so everyone is on the same page. Develop an SOP for use of Eco-Harvester. Dave suggested including disposal in the SOP. Kevin: farmers on the west side are interested and the tribe has land to use. Paul has a strip of land along K that could be used.

Closed Session

SSC:

CWA:

Open Session

View from Your Dock Questionnaire: Jim Coors said that it was an encouraging exercise. A future SELT edition will cover it. Chris Bedwell said that, from the responses, there were people who seemed like they might volunteer. Kevin Horrocks said the COLA has not followed up on the questionnaire. Jim Coors mentioned that from the online survey, no one volunteered.

Fundraising: Alf Sivertson said that not much direct contact has occurred up to this point. Last year, \$58,172 came in from the end of year request. A reminder is going out (email blast) soon. Alf mentioned that everyone knows somebody on the lake. Talk to them. Alf asked that each COLA board member send Alf three names by December 20. Keep the donor list confidential among us. Chris Bedwell will provide an update based on pending credit cards orders. Alf will provide the board with historical lists to check on past donors who haven't given recently. Rick O'Neill asked about people who donated for multiple years before the dissolution of the foundation. Chris Bedwell suggested to ignore it.

2021 Activities and Budget: Kevin Horrocks reminded us that we need to put together budget. COLA needs to identify projects and approximate costs for 2021. Kevin will resend his list that he put together several months ago.

Shoreline Buffers: Kevin Horrocks said that the project needs to begin in 2021 for implementation in 2022. It needs to be brought back into the lake management plan. Mark Lastrup will head up the coordination effort. The Highlands condo issue came up. The association is taking a partial action to control runoff to the Bedwell property but nowhere else. Sawyer County is unwilling to do anything, claiming grandfathering. Kris Sivertson stated that COLA needs to aggressively start going after violators. Alf Sivertson will call Dale Olson to get a read on the situation.

Watershed Forestry: Paul: Allison is contacting FutureWood.

Other: Kevin Horrocks will contact Erica at the Bass Lake townhall with the 2021 meeting schedule should the situation change.

Adjourn: 5:05 PM